

Meeting Notes

LGBTQ Steering Committee Meeting

April 27, 2011

5:30-7 p.m.

DCPS Central Office

Overview:

DCPS is developing a comprehensive plan for supporting the DCPS Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community of students, staff and families. The LGBTQ Steering Committee of students, school administration and staff, parents and community experts guides DCPS in the development and implementation of the plan. This was the fourth monthly meeting of the LGBTQ Steering Committee.

Attendance: two DCPS students, three DCPS parents, four national and community experts, four school-based staff, four DCPS Central Office staff

Notes:

Issue	Comments
Purpose, goals and expectations	This Steering Committee has been convened by the Office of Youth Engagement in the DCPS Central Office. Face-to-face meetings have been held monthly, and Steering Committee members have served on various subcommittees. The goal of this meeting was for the committee as a whole to review and approve the plan to create a welcoming and respectful community for LGBTQ students, staff and families in every school.
Review Plan and Discussion	DCPS reviewed a presentation of the “Plan to Create an Inclusive School Community” to Steering Committee Members. Steering Committee members were given an opportunity to ask clarifying questions and include any further recommendations into this plan. Included in the discussion was the plan to explore further funding opportunities to facilitate this work, and the plan for DCPS to participate in the Youth Pride event and the Capital Pride Parade this year.

Next Steps	<p>Next meeting of LGBTQ Steering Committee is Monday July 11 at 5:30pm.</p> <p>Monthly meetings are no longer needed to move the work forward. Further participation on the Steering Committee will require a quarterly meeting commitment to monitor implementation, to review any evaluation results and to develop recommendations for future funding opportunities and continued sustainability. Additional feedback between meetings can be provided via email, sent to andrea.desantis@dc.gov.</p> <p>For more information contact Andrea DeSantis, Risk Reduction Coordinator, at andrea.desantis@dc.gov or 202.442.5040.</p>
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